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3. Port Facilities

[redacted] anchorage at Cambridge at approximately 23° 05.5' N, 113° 26.5' E. [redacted] a cement quay which was approximately 1,200 ft long [redacted]

There were two long cement warehouses on the quay--one story in height and from 400 to 500 ft in length. A distance of approximately 100 ft separated the two warehouses.

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[redacted] One antique steam crane of approximately two tons capacity, which traveled on rails, was the only unloading equipment observed. From 100 to 150 Chinese laborers from small farms in the area worked [redacted] cargo [redacted] Unloading continued day and night. The laborers appeared to be in good health and [redacted] food was fairly plentiful in the area.

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There were no fueling facilities in the area. A small quantity of food, including Chinese cabbages, was available from the farmers of the area.

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Merchant ships [redacted] are unable to navigate further up the river than the town of Cambridge, since the water becomes quite shallow.

[redacted] A small Chinese village is located near the quay, the inhabitants of which apparently were engaged in agricultural activities.

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4. Ships Observed

At the [] quay, due west [] ship, unidentified, was observed unloading steel pipe and trucks, []

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[] a Polish merchant ship anchored off shore in the river awaiting a berth. []

[] observe some very large cases which could have contained equipment or guns on the deck.

[] merchant ship arrived (unidentified) in ballast. [] it was there to load rice. At various times [] observed small Chinese gun boats approximately 60-100 ft in length, each armed with one or two small guns, approximately two to three inches in size. These gun boats appeared to have a very shallow draft. []

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[] saw no aircraft in the area, no radio towers, radar antennas, or any fortifications. [] observed no searchlights at night. No naval vessels other than the Chinese gun boats were observed.

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